

Otay River Watershed Management Plan Goals and Objectives Identified During and After the June 22, 2004 Working Group Meeting

Protect and Enhance Natural Resources

- Protect and restore waterways, including seasonal streams and isolated wetlands (including vernal pools), intermittent wetlands, and floodplains including their full functions and values. **(ENV-1)**
- Protect groundwater and surface water from contamination and levels of extraction that will degrade the support of native wildlife and vegetation. **(ENV-2)**
- Limit dry season runoff so that seasonal wetlands and the plants and animals that depend on them will survive and the habitat types will not be converted. **(ENV-4)**
- Control erosion at its sources so natural waterways and wetlands will not be degraded. **(ENV-5)**
- Seek to restore drainage ditches, concrete channels, and storm water pipes to natural, or at least more nearly natural, water flow where practical and beneficial. **(ENV-6)**
- Protect natural landforms. **(ENV-7)**
- Protect wildlife movement and dispersal corridors. **(ENV-8)**
- Remove invasive plant and animal species and their sources of seed and stolon. **(ENV-10)**
- Provide sediment control while allowing for natural sand replenishment. **(ENV-12)**
- Preserve open space. **(CAC-1)**
- Maintain and achieve a healthy watershed. **(REG-2)**
- Dialogue/communication between stakeholders about watershed issues and how to address them. **(SDRWQCB – 2)**
- A watershed plan focused on achieving and sustaining a healthy watershed (as measured by an array of indicators, including but not limited to water quality). **(SDRWQCB – 3)**
- Protect sensitive resources, preserve, protect, and enhance ecological habitats, sensitive flora and fauna, and cultural resources. **(City of SD – 2)**

Protect Water Quality

- Prevent disposal of refuse including intentional dumps or littering and that carried by runoff into waterways. **(ENV-9)**
- Control solid waste and waste water. **(ENV-13)**
- Protect water quality. **(CAC-7)**
- Protect and enhance water quality and quantity, identify areas of good and degraded water quality and design a plan to maintain or improve water quality. **(City of SD – 1)**

Maximize Program and Plan Integration

- The plan should be multi-disciplinary and should avoid a single-purpose focus. The plan should be balanced and take into account other equally important goals such as provision of housing, economic development and larger, broader goals related to community development. **(PO/BO-1)**
- The plan should not create or Recommend duplicative or conflicting regulation. The San Diego region is subject to a myriad of regulations including the MSCP, the

individual JURMPs and SUSMPs of each jurisdiction, local zoning, land use regulations and ordinances, the requirements of local state and federal agencies such as the RWQCB, the CDFG, the USFWS and the Army Corps of Engineers and state and federal statutes. This plan should identify these existing protections and avoid any duplicative or conflicting Recommendations or processes. **(PO/BO-2)**

- The plan should reflect the existing General Plans and Community and Specific Plans that exist in each one of the participating jurisdictions, which were developed based on a balancing of community goals and desires by the elected officials of each community. **(PO/BO-3)**
- Allow for a streamlined permitting process for regional park activities. **(CAC-5)**
- Include coordination efforts with future restoration efforts. **(CAC-9)**
- Otay River Valley Cleanup Project to continue as Envisioned in 2000. **(CAC-10)**
- Development of a GIS Mapping system compatible with the City of Chula Vista's, City of San Diego's and the County of San Diego's, with the ability to download from the above activities' web sites. **(CAC-11)**
- Ensure that the Watershed Management Plan and Special Area Management Plan are compatible with the City of Chula Vista, City of San Diego and the County of San Diego "Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Programs". **(CAC-12)**
- Integrate the Goals and Objectives of the OVRP Concept Plan for the Western OVRP, as approved by the Cities of Chula Vista and San Diego and the County of San Diego in June 1997, into the WMP. Coordinate with the OVRP programs currently being developed by the OVRP staff and approved by the OVRP CAC as coordinated by Robert Rushlow, in developing the Regional Park. **(CAC-13)**
- A watershed plan focused on preventing problems by anticipating and addressing threats and their sources and causes. **(SDWRQCB – 5)**
- A watershed plan that includes recommendations for changes and improvements in plans, processes, projects, programs, practices, policies, activities, "business as usual," etc. **(SDWRQCB – 6)**

Provide Educational and Recreational Opportunities

- Active Recreation will be placed away from key habitat areas so that noise, lights, traffic will neither infringe upon the habitat nor diminish the enjoyment of the park by hikers, bikers, birdwatchers, and eco-tourists who seek enjoyment of nature. **(REC-1)**
- Maintain a 100-foot native buffer area between development and Recreational trails. **(REC-2)**
- Educate and require trail users to clean up after themselves and their animals, especially when commercial groups use trails. **(REC-3)**
- Identify locations and allow for future active Recreation sites. **(CAC-2)**
- Allow for multi-purpose trails. **(CAC-3)**
- Identify and allow for public access points to the open space and strategically placed staging areas. **(CAC-4)**
- Include an educational component within the preserve areas. **(CAC-6)**
- Maintain connectivity with other open space and trail systems. **(CAC-8)**
- Present educational and recreational opportunities, foster use of the area that has minimum or no impact on sensitive resources. **(City of SD – 4)**

Protect Public Safety

- Provide flood management. **(ENV-11)**

- Deal with homeless occupation in the watershed. **(ENV-14)**

Ensure Reasonable Economic Development

- The plan should evaluate and consider the economic impacts of Recommendations made to the participating jurisdictions. **(PO/BO-4)**
- Preserve open space, allow for managed growth while protecting existing open spaces and design a plan to minimize loss of and create more open space. **(City of SD – 3)**

Ensure Effectiveness of the Watershed Management Plan

- The WMP should be a living document. **(REG-1)**
- Facilitate changes and improvements within the watershed. **(REG-3)**
- Facilitate dialogue among stakeholders **(REG -4)**
- Preserve the water absorption capacity of the watershed so the flow capacity of natural waterways is not exceeded during storms. **(ENV-3)**
- Formation of a viable, active watershed council that continues beyond this short-term watershed planning effort **(SDRWQCB – 1)**
- A watershed plan focused on fixing problems by addressing sources and causes of problems. **(SDRWQCB – 4)**
- A watershed plan that includes a well thought out strategy for implementation. **(SDWRQCB – 7)**
- Commitment by the watershed council to implementation of the watershed plan. **(SDWRQCB – 8)**
- Commitment by the watershed council to update and fine-tune the watershed plan to ensure that it is a living and useful document. **(SDWRQCB – 9)**